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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF PAYMENTS OF ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES TO THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 38a-472h of the general statutes is repealed and
4 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

5 (a) No insurer, health care center, fraternal benefit society, hospital
6 service corporation, medical service corporation or other entity
7 delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing:
8 [an]

9 (1) An individual or a group dental plan in this state shall include in
10 any contract with a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 that is
11 entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 2012, any
12 provision that requires such dentist to accept as payment an amount
13 set by such insurer, center, society, corporation or entity for services or

14 procedures provided to an insured or enrollee that are not covered
15 benefits under such insured's or enrollee's plan; or

16 (2) An individual or a group vision plan in this state shall include in
17 any contract with an optometrist licensed pursuant to chapter 380 or
18 an ophthalmologist licensed pursuant to chapter 370 that is entered
19 into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 2015, any provision
20 that requires such optometrist or ophthalmologist to accept as
21 payment an amount set by such insurer, center, society, corporation or
22 entity for services or procedures provided to an insured or enrollee
23 that are not covered benefits under such insured's or enrollee's plan.

24 (b) [A dentist shall not] No dentist, optometrist or ophthalmologist
25 shall charge more for services or procedures that are not covered
26 benefits than such dentist's, optometrist's or ophthalmologist's usual
27 and customary rate for such services or procedures.

28 (c) (1) Each evidence of coverage for an individual or a group dental
29 plan shall include the following statement:

30 "IMPORTANT: If you opt to receive dental services or procedures
31 that are not covered benefits under this plan, a participating dental
32 provider may charge you his or her usual and customary rate for such
33 services or procedures. Prior to providing you with dental services or
34 procedures that are not covered benefits, the dental provider should
35 provide you with a treatment plan that includes each anticipated
36 service or procedure to be provided and the estimated cost of each
37 such service or procedure. To fully understand your coverage, you
38 may wish to review your evidence of coverage document."

39 (2) Each evidence of coverage for an individual or a group vision
40 plan shall include the following statement:

41 "IMPORTANT: If you opt to receive optometric or ophthalmologic
42 services or procedures that are not covered benefits under this plan, a
43 participating optometrist or ophthalmologist may charge you his or
44 her usual and customary rate for such services or procedures. Prior to

45 providing you with optometric or ophthalmologic services or
46 procedures that are not covered benefits, the optometrist or
47 ophthalmologist should provide you with a treatment plan that
48 includes each anticipated service or procedure to be provided and the
49 estimated cost of each such service or procedure. To fully understand
50 your coverage, you may wish to review your evidence of coverage
51 document."

52 (d) Each dentist, optometrist or ophthalmologist shall post, in a
53 conspicuous place, a notice stating that services or procedures that are
54 not covered benefits under an insurance policy or plan might not be
55 offered at a discounted rate.

56 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a self-insured
57 plan that covers dental services, optometric services or ophthalmologic
58 services, or (2) a contract that is incorporated in or derived from a
59 collective bargaining agreement or in which some or all of the material
60 terms are subject to a collective bargaining process."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2015	38a-472h